

**RECOMMENDATION TO 1) INCREASE RESIDENT SERVICES BUDGET IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEED FOR EXIGENT CONTRACTS THAT MITIGATE SUMMER VIOLENCE FOR CHA YOUTH, 2) AUTHORIZE THE CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE OR AMEND CONTRACTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FOREGOING, 3) ACCEPT AN AWARD AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, AND 4) AMEND SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to: 1) Increase the Resident Services' budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 in anticipation of the need for exigent contracts that mitigate summer violence for CHA youth; 2) Use their discretion to execute and amend contracts and Intergovernmental Agreements (e.g. Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ["DFSS"], Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District) to implement anti-violence and other youth programming at CHA sites as needs are identified throughout the summer; 3) Accept a grant award and execute a grant agreement with DFSS in the amount of \$920,700 for the Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"). This grant award from DFSS may only be utilized to pay stipends for 1,500 youth workers; and 4) Increase the compensation amounts and amend the contracts with seven (7) of CHA's current Service Providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$920,700 to implement and administer SYEP.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services, the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

These Summer Youth Initiatives support CHA's corporate goal of empowering individuals for success in the global economy while providing targeted services to residents at critical milestones in their lives, while living in a safe, decent and sustainable housing portfolio.

**FUNDING**

CHA General Fund and Grant Funds

Additional funding for anti-violence and other youth programming:	\$1,000,000
DFSS SYEP Grant Award (1,500 Youth Worker Stipends):	\$ 920,700
CHA SYEP Match Funds (Program Implementation & Administration):	<u>\$ 920,700</u>
<b>Total Cost for Summer Youth Programs:</b>	<b>\$2,841,400</b>

## **COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

Vendor	M/W/DBE Participation	Section 3 Hiring	Section 3 Subcontracting or Other Economic Opportunities
<i>Centers for New Horizons</i>	1.6% (partial waiver approved)	4 new hires for SYEP (40 total hires to date)	Other Economic Opportunities proposed with a previous contract amendment. No changes.
<i>Employment &amp; Employer Services</i>	.6% (partial waiver approved)	6 new hires for SYEP (45 total hires to date)	Other Economic Opportunities proposed with a previous contract amendment. No changes.
<i>Heartland Human Care Services</i>	1.7% (partial waiver approved)	2 new hires for SYEP (20 total hires to date)	Other Economic Opportunities proposed with a previous contract amendment. No changes.
<i>Holsten Real Estate Development Corp</i>	17.68% (partial waiver approved)	1 new hire for SYEP (3 total hires to date)	3% Subcontracting
<i>Metropolitan Family Services</i>	compliance pending	3 new hires for SYEP (40 total hires to date)	Other Economic Opportunities proposed with a previous contract amendment. No changes.
<i>Near West Side CDC</i>	2.3% (partial waiver approved)	No hires needed for SYEP (18 total hires to date)	3% Subcontracting
<i>Uhlich Children's Advantage Network</i>	6.2% (partial waiver approved)	No hires needed for SYEP (25 total hires to date)	Other Economic Opportunities proposed with a previous contract amendment. No changes.

\*Compliance is only applicable to CHA SYEP match funds for program administration; compliance is not applicable to the grant award from DFSS for stipend funding. The numbers above are related to the overall contract award, not just the amendment for SYEP. Additional contracts for anti-violence and youth programming will also be subject to all CHA compliance requirements.

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

### **Antiviolence and Other Youth Programming**

CHA's Resident Services Division is charged with engaging youth in out-of-school time activities that provide safe, productive experiences and that put youth on the path toward long-term success. In order to accomplish this goal, Resident Services has developed an extensive network of programs available to youth during summer months. In response to a recent request that we prepare for an increase in violence during the summer months, Resident Services is also anticipating the need for additional anti-violence and other responsive programming. Therefore, in order to best serve CHA youth, Resident Services is requesting additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to allow CHA to respond to exigent needs as they arise.

Specifically, these additional funds will be utilized to provide programming including, but not limited to, restorative justice initiatives, evening and weekend youth engagement activities (e.g. weekend sports leagues), additional summer employment opportunities (e.g. increase SYEP capacity) and other youth programming as dictated by need to mitigate youth violence in CHA communities. Due to the unique circumstances surrounding this request, including the inability to pinpoint specific violent hotspots that may arise during the summer, CHA is unable to identify specific requirements in advance that are needed to issue a competitive procurement. Therefore, in order to respond with the urgency required by reactive programming, CHA will first seek to partner with both its existing contracted service providers and contractors procured through CHA's Sister Agencies (e.g. DFSS, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools, etc.).

### **Summer Youth Employment Program**

In March 2014, CHA received notice of a grant award not-to-exceed \$920,700 from DFSS to provide stipends for 1,500 youth and young adults ages 16-24 to participate in a SYEP. With funding from DFSS, the SYEP is being implemented as part of the Mayor's One Summer Chicago initiative. One Summer Chicago is a collaborative effort between the city of Chicago, Cook County and city and business communities to provide summer programming for youth. The DFSS grant agreement stipulates that grant funds may only be used for youth worker stipends. CHA's match funds will cover the cost of program implementation and supervision of the youth participants.

CHA is seeking authorization for the following actions:

- Accept a grant award of \$920,700 from DFSS to pay stipends to 1,500 CHA youth workers;
- Amend the following current Service Provider contracts, utilizing CHA match funds, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$920,700 to administer the SYEP:
  - Centers for New Horizons: Increase of \$142,435 to Contract No. 9121
  - Employment & Employer Services: Increase of \$351,291 to Contract No. 9124
  - Heartland Human Care Services: Increase of \$140,791 to Contract No. 9122
  - Holsten Real Estate Development Corporation: Increase of \$23,297 to Contract No. 11204
  - Metropolitan Family Services: Increase of \$128,310 to Contract No. 9123
  - Near West Side Community Development Corporation: Increase of \$72,733 to Contract No. 11066
  - Uhlich Children's Advantage Network: Increase of \$61,843 to Contract No. 9126

CHA's current Service Providers have existing relationships with the target population and possess the requisite experience in providing similar youth summer workforce programs. These providers have been responsible for coordinating SYEP and other similar grant-funded workforce program for CHA youth since 2009. Individual contract amendment amounts are based on the number of SYEP participants assigned to each provider, which was determined by the number of youth they currently serve.

The intention of the SYEP is to provide Chicago youth and young adults with safe, meaningful summer experiences, while learning valuable and transferable skills that connect life lessons and academic preparation, ultimately enhancing participants' long-term employment prospects. Participants receive on-going job readiness instruction and career exploration integrated with a stipend-paid employment placement for 6 weeks. Service Providers match CHA youth with employers throughout Chicago, based on youth interest. Examples of industries from past years year include food service, retail, administrative work, and technology.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority Board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to increase the Resident Services budget in anticipation of the need for exigent contracts that mitigate summer violence for CHA youth, accept a grant award and enter into a grant agreement with DFSS and amend contracts with existing Service Providers for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

The CEO/President recommends the Board to increase to: 1) Increase the Resident Services' budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 in anticipation of the need for exigent contracts that mitigate summer violence for CHA youth; 2) Use their discretion to execute and amend contracts and Intergovernmental Agreements (e.g. DFSS, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District) to implement anti-violence and other youth programming at CHA sites as needs are identified throughout the summer; 3) Accept a grant award and execute a grant agreement with the city of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services in the amount of \$920,700 for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This grant award from DFSS may only be utilized to pay stipends for 1,500 youth workers; and 4) Increase the compensation amounts and amend the contracts with seven (7) of CHA's current Service Providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$920,700 to implement and administer SYEP.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-CHA-44**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 14, 2014 entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO 1) INCREASE RESIDENT SERVICES BUDGET IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEED FOR EXIGENT CONTRACTS THAT MITIGATE SUMMER VIOLENCE FOR CHA YOUTH, 2) AUTHORIZE THE CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE OR AMEND CONTRACTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FOREGOING, 3) ACCEPT AN AWARD AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, AND 4) AMEND SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to: 1) Increase the Resident Services' budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 in anticipation of the need for exigent contracts that mitigate summer violence for CHA youth; 2) Use their discretion to execute and amend contracts and Intergovernmental Agreements (e.g. DFSS, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District) to implement anti-violence and other youth programming at CHA sites as needs are identified throughout the summer; 3) Accept a grant award and execute a grant agreement with the city of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services ("DFSS") in the amount of \$920,700 for the Summer Youth Employment Program ("SYEP"). This grant award from DFSS may only be utilized to pay stipends for 1,500 youth workers; and 4) Increase the compensation amounts and amend the contracts with seven (7) of CHA's current Service Providers in an additional aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$920,700 to implement and administer SYEP.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 and insurance requirements.



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